

# Bricks and Pieces

A newsletter about LEGO for LEGO collectors



## LEGO guards guard LEGO®



Outside our Wrexham factory stands this splendid model of Horse Guards—the home of the Queen's Life Guards in Whitehall, London.

The model, which is about 6 metres long and as high as a man, is of course built entirely from thousands and thousands of LEGO bricks. It took our model makers nearly 4 months to build.

Even the guards themselves and their horses are made from LEGO bricks but we did cheat a little bit because their swords are made from LEGO flagpoles with the flags cut off.

Some of you will have seen the real Horse Guards building on visits to London and will have admired the Guards in their shining breastplates and plumed helmets. So you will be able to check our model for accuracy.



It is nice to have LEGO guards guarding the LEGO factory don't you think?

Here is a view of the back of the model. It looks as though it is built of big 'stones'. That is done by setting every 4th row of LEGO bricks back one notch. Why don't you try that on one of your models.

### Dear Collector

There are now 65,000 of you who have asked to receive copies of our occasional magazine and the number is rising daily.

Such a big response is marvellous, but it also makes a problem because postage stamps alone will cost well over £4,000 quite apart from the cost of printing the magazine!

So, if you would like to receive the next issue of Bricks and Pieces next Spring, please put a 6p stamp on the addressed envelope we have provided, pop it inside another envelope and send it back to:

'Bricks and Pieces'  
c/o O.P. Associates,  
P.O. Box 35,

Mold, Clwyd, CH7 1BL.

(Don't forget to put a stamp on this outer envelope as well, will you?)

That means you need two 6p stamps, one on each envelope.

If you do this I will have a stamped, addressed envelope of the right size all ready to send you the Spring issue of our magazine next year as well as a free leaflet showing all the new sets for 1977.

The magazine itself will still be free and I hope you will enjoy reading this issue enough to feel that it will be worth the price of two stamps to get the next one.

I wish each of you a very Happy Christmas.



The Editor

Clive Nicholls

P.S. Please check that your address on the envelope you return is correct.

If not, correct it very neatly and clearly so that the postman can read it easily.

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## 2. News from LEGO

### Jet trip to LEGOLAND

Lucky winners of the 'Daily Mirror' LEGO model building competition were Richard Maddock (5) from Plymouth and Nicholas Young (11) from Heysham.

From the thousands of entries sent into the 'Mirror' during July and August the judges eventually decided that Richard's model of an Olympic pole-vaulter and Nicholas' ingenious trick cyclist were the best, but it wasn't easy!

For their prize, Richard and Nicholas, together with their mums, flew to LEGOLAND in Denmark aboard LEGO's own executive jet. (No, they didn't sit on the wing all the way!)

They had a fabulous time looking at all the models, riding ponies in LEGOLAND'S Wild West town called Legoredo, driving cars in the LEGOLAND driving school and much more. They also saw round the giant LEGO factory which is nearby LEGOLAND in Billund and had a marvellous tale to tell their friends at school.

Don't you envy them?



Richard and Nicholas visit "Amsterdam" in LEGOLAND - just one of the many fantastic scenes built from LEGO bricks.



### Whoops. Sorry!

Were you one of the thousands who spotted the LEGO special offer on the back of Weetabix packs last summer and who had to wait weeks and weeks to get it?

If so, it was our fault not Weetabix's. The trouble was no one dreamed it would have such a fantastic response and we just couldn't keep up with the demand which broke all records.

We are sorry if you were kept waiting a long time—and even more sorry if you are still waiting. We really are doing everything we possibly can to avoid disappointing you.

### Old enough for your first motorbike yet?

LEGO is great for children from as young as 1½ years. But if anyone thinks it is only for young children let them try building the new Hobby Sets, like these super motorbikes.

You have to be a pretty good LEGO builder to tackle one of these. They are designed to offer a challenge to experts of about 9 years old or more. But once

built they are models which you will want to exhibit with pride for your friends to admire.

Apart from the Norton and the Harley Davidson police bike shown here (sets 393 and 394) there are 2 other new Hobby Sets this year—a 1909 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost and a splendid Thatcher Perkins locomotive from the great days of the Wild West.

### For youngsters too

If you are only about 4 years old and like the idea of a police motorbike, well that's all right too. There's a simpler one which you can build in set 256—and that's got 3 policemen in it too!



### Repeat of Special Offer for new readers

In the last issue we offered a special pack of 6 of the new mini figures for 40p including postage. We still have a few hundred packs left so I am repeating the offer mainly for the benefit of all the new readers who now have Bricks and Pieces for the first time.

If you would like this special pack of 6 assorted mini figures, which are not available on their own in the shops, please send a cheque or postal order and your name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS please and address your envelope to British LEGO Ltd., Special Offer, Wrexham, N. Wales, LL13 9UH. You can have 2 packs for 80p but as stocks are limited please do not order more than 3 packs for £1.20. Money will be refunded in full if stocks run out.



Here are the 6 figures with their interchangeable cowboy hats, caps and wigs. A nice little Christmas present for a friend perhaps?

### 3. The Dragon Page

## St. George. Where are you?

In the last issue I invited readers to build models of dragons and send me pictures. And I got them. Lots of them. Dragons large and small, fierce and amusing, with wings and claws and hinged jaws full of teeth. I felt I could have used St. George at my side!

Here are a few of them and I am sending a box of LEGO to each of the builders whose efforts are shown here. Congratulations to those and my thanks to all

the others who sent in photos. I wish I had room to show lots more.

How about sending me pictures for the next issue of more familiar animals? Elephants, ostriches, cows, tigers or perhaps even an octopus? Anything you like from zoo or farm. Again, there'll be sets of LEGO for any pictures printed. But remember that the photos must be really clear and sharp if they are to be included in the magazine.



Lindsey Joyce of London N 17 built this one. He seems to have used his flapping wings to fly right into the bedroom!



From David Taylor of Swaffham, aged 11. This one is my favourite. He's really fearsome. Look closely and you'll see that he is holding little people in his claws ready to eat them. Light!

This must be the most decorative dragon of all time! Tom and Teresa Adams aged 6 and 9 of London W4 share the credit for him.



Jonathan Jay aged 10, from New Malden, built this one plus distressed damsel and brave knight arriving just in time.



## Meet Cinders

There's a LEGO set for Joyce Bishop of Portsmouth N.E. too, for the best letter about a dragon. Sorry I don't have room for a picture of him but perhaps such a terrible beast is best left to the imagination . . . . .

Dear Editor

I would like to introduce you to my friend "Cinders". He is a LEGO dragon and has some really surprising features. His large jaws really work so he can destroy villages, rip up trees and eat live LEGO people with his savage teeth. Inside his mouth is a red light connected to a battery box. It lights up to give the effect of fiery flames shooting from his mouth. His green and yellow telescopic eyes light up also enabling him to see for many miles at night as well as in the daytime. Half-way along his scaly body, is a very special sign. It says "LEGO". It sends its bright white light out warning all other dragons that he is King and an indestructible LEGO dragon. Also enclosed are two photographs of Cinders invading our back lawn and destroying a whole LEGO forest with one swipe of his monstrous tail. Then he devours our chief forester in one bite. I hope you enjoyed meeting Cinders and I wish you success in the 'Bricks and Pieces' yet to come.

Yours,

Joyce Bishop



## 4. The Model Page

### T.V. Studio



Here's a T.V. interview complete with monitor screen, camera man and lady director. A small model but beautifully detailed. Notice the control lever on the camera made from a 'hand' and the picture on the monitor. Built by Colin Carmuthers of Edinburgh. He is 13 but has been building with LEGO since he was 2!

A good model Colin and a nice clear photograph you sent me too.

### Shipwreck



An imaginative model of a sunken galleon from 11 year old Martin Dennis of Stoke-on-Trent. There are 2 divers on the right, cleverly made to look as if they are swimming by fixing them onto hinges, but you have to look very carefully because the photo is not too sharp.

### Santa



Andrew Thompson, 10, from Oxford made this attractive Santa complete with sack, chimney and snowman, as part of his Christmas decorations last year. That's an idea you could use for your own decorations this year.

### LEGO cake



Timothy Knight of Winchester is a keen LEGO modeller and for his 8th birthday his clever mum made him this cake like an 8 stud LEGO brick with a candle on each stud. It was covered in bright yellow icing and was much admired by Tim's friends at his party.

### Make your own Piggy Bank says David Lyall

LEGO's model designer David Lyall thinks you will have fun making a piggy bank for your savings. Here is his idea but you could make yours differently if you like.

David says that if you have any smooth 'tile' bricks you could use them on the lower half so that it is easier to open when you want to get your money out. By leaving only a few studs showing you will get an easier fit.

